## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-45-03

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

ALL COUNTY WELFARE TO WORK COORDINATORS ALL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS
<u>TRANSMITTAL</u>
[ ] State Law Change
[ ] Federal Law or Regulation
Change
[ ] Court Order
[ ] Clarification Requested by
One or More Counties
[x ] Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

& LAW CENTER CAR OWNERSHIP CLEARINGHOUSE

REFERENCE: Innovative Best Practices for Job Retention and Wage Advancement

Strategies, ACIN 1-13-00

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about a web site that provides information regarding low-income car ownership programs nationwide. The web site can be used to assist in locating car ownership programs for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) clients and other low-income families. Counties may also use the web site to help develop and advertise their own transportation programs.

The Car Ownership Clearinghouse is dedicated to promoting and supporting car ownership programs as an effective transportation solution for low-income workers. The web site address is http://www.nedlc.org/center/car.htm, and it provides information, policy analysis, and technical assistance for new and existing car ownership programs, policy makers, funders, and other partners. The information is organized into three main categories: Program Planning and Development, Financial Resources, and Policy Efforts.

The "Many Motors" program in Camarillo and the "Ways to Work – Family Loan Program" in San Mateo County are two examples of California programs listed on this web site. Many Motors works with local businesses rehabilitating donated vehicles to sell to low-income individuals. The Ways to Work – Family Loan Program provides small loans to help low-income parents that do not have access to conventional loans cope with unexpected expenses that may interfere with their ability to maintain self-sufficiency.

We hope that you will find this web site useful. If you need further information please call Ms. Alana Lee, Work Support Services Bureau, at (916) 654-1424.

Sincerely, Original Document Signed By Venus Garth On July 30, 2003

VENUS GARTH, Chief Work Services Branch